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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/PMG/AD/OJCS

SUBJECT : PMG Project #224 - Proposal for OC to Run
Production Jobs

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1. A meeting was held with [redacted]
and other OC personnel. [redacted] and myself represent-
ed OJCS.

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2. The attitude of the OC participants went, in general, from, at first, "we agree in principle" to, at the end, "lets see if we can get it to work". There appeared to be an underlying feeling on OC's part that if they take over production responsibility of the 11 programs in question, that they would be adrift alone on an ocean. This is a very natural feeling. Most in attendance have never logged on a remote terminal or even submitted a job to the computer center. The whole process will be new to them. Paul and I tried to allay their fears. We assured them that we will always be available to answer questions and meet with them at their request.

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3. We have agreed that [redacted]
and myself will meet with the four individual OC project managers to discuss the details of how their programs can be run by OC clericals. The four project managers and their programs are:

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4. [] indicated that WORDGEN will not be used again and should be scratched. In addition, he is willing to run, on a production bases, the other three programs under his jurisdiction.

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5. [] indicated that he is amenable to having his five programs run from either the Ames or Key building. The process of logging into OJCS, [] tapes (containing random numbers) and having the proper one accessed when a job is to be run was of some concern to Al. [] and myself will outline a procedure that an OC clerical can perform.

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6. [] was also amenable to production running his CATRAN program. The problem here, and one that Paul and I will discuss further, is to devise a way to permit an OC clerical to trace down data base errors caused by mistakes in keypunching and manifested as an application program error message. (Typically data input is composed of 3000 cards.) Presently, [] is able to isolate the erred card by analyzing the programs output and understanding the error messages. This problem represents the biggest challenge in transferring the program to OC.

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7. [] and his staff objected rather vigorously, at first, to the thought of taking on the production responsibility of the quarterly run RENOSYS program. The objection was primarily based on the belief that they would have to punch the several thousand cards required as input to RENOSYS. Paul and I pointed out that:

a. If all data is accumulated at once then either OC can keypunch the cards or they can request support from the OJCS keypunching staff.

b. If the data is accumulated over a period of time, during the quarter, then they can have their clerical type it in (via Delta Data, for example) directly to their data file or, again, they may request OJCS keypunching support.

In any case we have agreed to discuss this further at our next meeting, which [] will set up for the near future. STATINTL

8. The general, overriding concerns of the OC representatives were: where would they get the clericals (T/O) and how would they be utilized. I was able to estimate for OC that it would take only a day to a day and a half per program to train a clerical to input data and to run the programs. [] has already indicated, in his 19 December 1973 memorandum to D/OJCS, that OC clericals will be available. The manner by which OC transmits data to headquarters for keypunching (via courier) would not change under the new system, except that OC can go directly to OJCS keypunching and eliminate the need of a middle man []. The problem raised by OC, that a clerical from one OC division (located at headquarters) may have to assist OC personnel from another division (located at a non-headquarters facility), by submitting jobs to the OJCS computer center, seems to me to be an OC problem solvable by OC.

9. Action items:

a. I will setup a tour for OC project managers of the headquarters DAC and Key punch operations.

b. I will check to see if [] in his proposal, was suggesting that a terminal, other than those in the DAC's, be made available to OC. STATINTL

c. [] are to setup meetings for this week with individual project managers.

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